

# Propulsion Technology Planning for Engine Health Management



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# Outline



- **Introduction to AFRL/PR's Turbine Engine Technology Plans**
- **Affordability Metric**
- **Maintenance Cost Drivers**
- **VAATE Engine Health Management Vision**
  - **three levels of capability**
- **DoD EHM Ground Power Relevancy**
- **Summary**





# Turbine Engine S&T Plan

## Tri-Service/NASA/Industry Coordinated



### ***Integrated High Performance Turbine Engine Technology (IHPTET)...Constant Life (F119)***

- 2X Propulsion Capability
  - +100% Engine Thrust/Weight
  - 40% Fuel Burn
  - 35% Production & Maintenance Cost
- National HCF S&T Program

TODAY

### ***Versatile, Affordable, Advanced Turbine Engines***

- 10X Propulsion Affordability (Capability / Cost)
  - National Durability Program
  - Maintenance Friendly Versatile Core
  - Ultra-Intelligent Adaptive Engine
- Environmental Efficiencies
- Dev/Prod/Maint Cost Reduction Focus

1987

2002

2005

2017



# VAATE Focus Areas



## Intelligent Engine -

### High Performing, Damage Tolerant

- **Adaptive Component Performance**
- Integrated Propulsion & Power
- **Real Time Life Tracking**
- **Proactive Health Management**

## Versatile Core -

### Military/Civil Multi-Use, Maintenance-Friendly

- Innovative Engine Architecture
- Wide Flow / High Efficiency Components
- Hi Excess Horsepower Technology
- Reduced Combustion Emissions

### **Revolutionary Features:**

- No Lubrication or Hydraulic System
- Fuel Efficient, Variable Cycle
- Reduced Noise & Combustion Emissions
- Self Contained Diagnostics, Boltless Assembly
- Robust: Tolerant to Variations
- Integrated Stealth Technologies

## Durability -

### Turbine Engine Readiness Issues

- High Cycle Fatigue (HCF) Protocol
- Other Robust Engine Protocol
- Validated Design Methods Through Testing







# VAATE Goal Metric

- New affordability metric established for VAATE

$$\text{Cost Capability Index (CCI)} = \frac{\text{Propulsion}}{\text{Capability/Cost Index}} = \frac{\text{Capability}}{\text{Cost}} = \frac{(\text{Thrust/Wt})/(\text{SFC})}{(\text{Cost})}$$

Where:

Cost ~  $\Sigma$  (Development, Production, & **Maintenance Cost**)

## Engine Technology

F119

Base

IHPTET

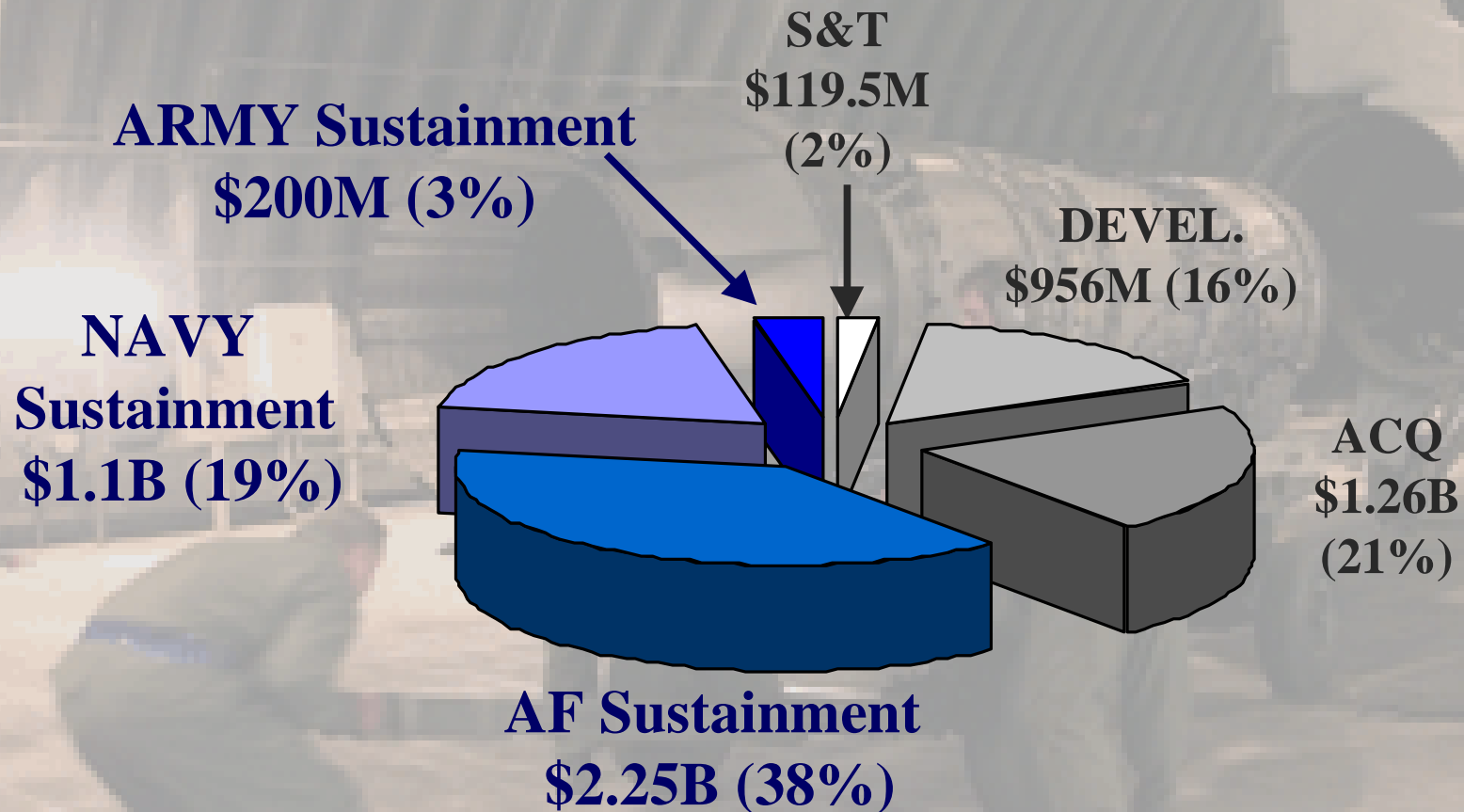
2X Capability

**VAATE**

**10X Affordability**



# Propulsion System Affordability



**Engine Health Management is targeted towards reducing this \$3.3B+ sustainment cost**

**FY00 Budgets**

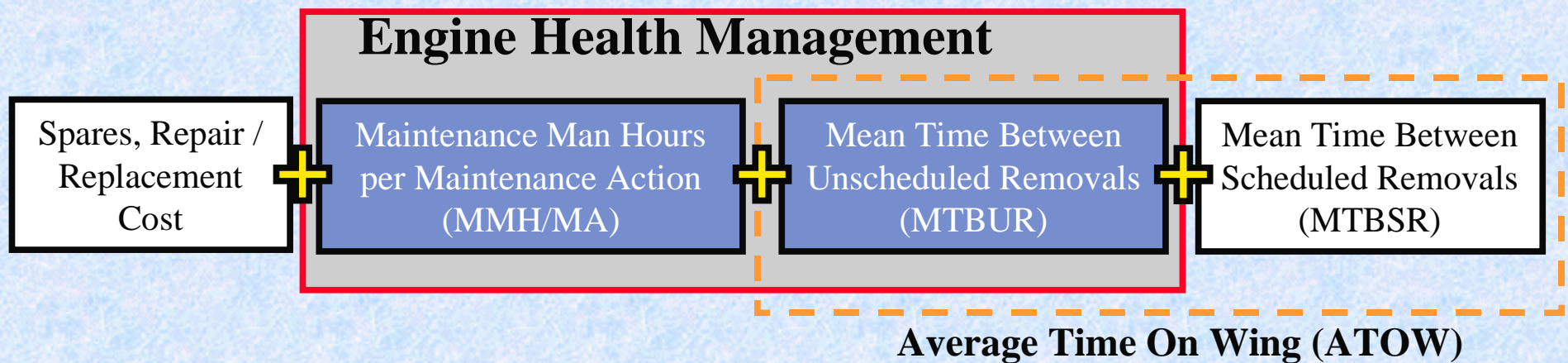
**(Fuel Cost NOT included)**



# Sustainment Cost Breakdown



*Sustainment Cost* =



**ATOW goal for F100's and F110's averages 450 hrs.  
On average, we only achieve an ATOW of 229 hrs\***

\*Source: CEMS Database



# Maintenance Cost Objectives

## How EHM is going to help Sustainment Cost



**-60% Maintenance Cost  
\$/EFH**

### **Durability:**

- 1) Double component life (MTBSR +100%)
  - Design methods/protocol & Failure mechanisms
  - Lifting Methods
  - Materials characterization
  - Validation testing
- 2) Reduce repair/replace costs (-30%)
  - Manufacturing Processes

### **Intelligent Engine (EHM):**

- 1) Extend MTBUR (+75%)
  - Model based diagnostics
  - Information gathering & fusion
  - Active component control
  - Robust sensors/virtual sensors
  - Condition based performance
- 2) Reduce MMH/MA (-50%)
  - Improved inspections (on-wing)
  - Prognostic health management

### **Versatile Core:**


- 1) Extend MTBUR (+25%)
  - Cooled cooling Air
  - Thermal Barrier Coatings
  - Advanced Materials
  - Magnetic Bearings
  - Electronic Actuation
- 2) Reduce repair/replace costs (-10%)
  - Ease-of-assembly
  - Parts commonality

**All focus areas contribute to the 60% maintenance cost reduction;  
Intelligent Engine provides engine health management**





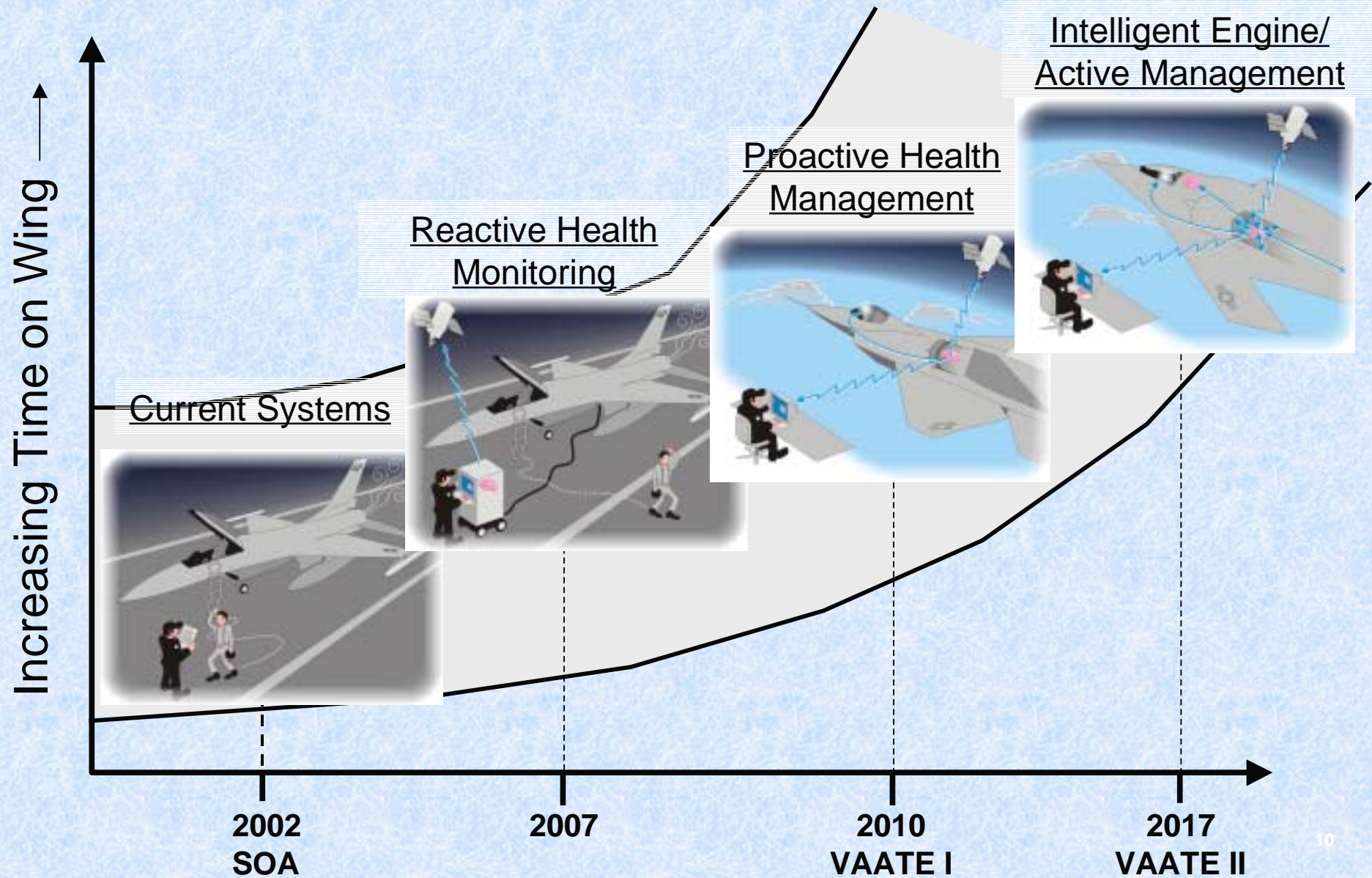
# VAATE EHM Mission Statement

A photograph of an F-35 fighter jet in flight, viewed from a low angle. The jet is grey and has "ED 1002" visible on its tail. It is flying against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. A small missile or rocket is visible in the distance to the left.

**Through integrated ground-based and on-board control, diagnostic, and prognostic systems, maximize engine time-on-wing while minimizing support cost without compromising performance and survivability; Provide flexible health management technologies that can be integrated into legacy, pipeline, and future propulsion**



# EHM Time-Phased Descriptors





# VAATE Element Descriptions



## Diagnostics

- Real Time Crack Detection
- Advanced Vibration Diagnostics
- Oil Condition Monitoring
- T41 & Emissions Sensors
- Bearing Health Sensor
- Advanced Inspection Capability

## Maintenance Process Control

- Data Mining/Data Integration
- Autonomic Logistics & Training
- Comprehensive Data Warehouse
- Every Engine a Website

## Prognostics

- Advanced Mission Analysis
- Data Trending and Diagnostics
- Physics Based Component Life Models
- Information Fusion/Knowledge
- Advanced Reasoning

## Controls

- Electric Actuation
- Active Component Control
- Model Based & Nonlinear
- Hi Temp Electronics
- Continuous Life Tracking
- Hi Temp Power Conversion





# Four EHM Elements



## Reduce Maintenance Effort

- **Maintenance Process Control:** Optimizing the Maintenance Process through Information Management.
- **Diagnostics:** Determining current health of parts (State Awareness/Life Usage).

## Reduce Unscheduled Removals

- **Prognostics:** Predicting when a part will fail (Remaining Life) and how to delay or prevent its failure (Life Extension).
- **Active Control:** Closed loop engine feedback to improve performance, extend life, and reduce maintenance actions.

# Intelligent Engine S&T Plan

# Diagnostics & Process Control

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**VAATE Goal  
10X Capability/Cost**

GOALS Factors

Thrust/Weight  
(3X)

Development Cost  
(-65%)

Maintenance Cost  
(-70%)

Production Cost  
(-60%)

TSFC  
(-25%)

OBJECTIVES

ATOW

Mean Time Between  
Scheduled Removals  
(+100%)

Mean Time Between  
Unscheduled Removals  
(+75%)

Maint. Manhrs per  
Maint. Action (-50%)

TECH CHALLENGES

DURABILITY

VERSATILE CORE

Difficult to detect faults &  
reduce inspection time due  
to insufficient monitoring

Difficult to isolate faults  
due to data interpretation

Difficult to reduce  
maintenance time due to  
complex logistics and  
training

APPROACHES

- Improved On-Wing Inspections
- Tracking & Failure Detection Sensors

- Total Condition Awareness
- Learning Algorithms
  - Data Trending
  - Data Fusion & Reasoning

- Logistics Information Fusion
- Autonomic Logistics/Training  
(Right Support, Right Time Right Reason - R<sup>3</sup>)

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# Prognostics & Active Controls

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VERSATILE CORE

Difficult to monitor  
health and life due to  
condition uncertainty

Difficult to prevent  
operating exceedences due  
to direct control limitations

Difficult to proactively manage  
health on-line due to poor  
information gathering,  
Distribution, and interpretation

APPROACHES

- Robust Sensors
- Virtual Sensors
- Imbedded Lifting Models

Condition Based Performance:

- Data trending
- Data Fusion & Reasoning
- Learning Algorithms
- Active Control

- Engine Level Information Fusion
- Model Based Diagnostics





# DoD EHM Relevance to Ground Power



**Commonality exists in three of four EHM elements:**

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**Active Control:** Closed loop engine feedback to improve performance, extend life, and reduce maintenance actions.



# Summary



- **Pursuing Engine Health Management (EHM) S&T activities to reduce maintenance costs**
- **Many EHM areas directly tie to DOE needs**
- **Several near-term technology transition opportunities available**
- **We would appreciate any feedback on our proposed plan**